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## Reply to Office Action for 10/605,493

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David R. Hall, et al.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed August 4, 2004 for which the shortened-statutory period for response is set to expire November 4, 2004. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

## **AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: